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Four hundredth meeting.

May 9, 1854. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

Dr. Kneeland exhibited to the Academy a large piece of the bark of the *Wellingtonia gigantea*, and a lithograph of one of these immense trees executed in San Francisco.

Professor Gray remarked that the bark resembled that of the Southern Cypress, being, however, less fibrous and stringy. He suspected that there would be found on this tree two kinds of leaves, as in the Deciduous Cypress; and was still inclined to suppose that it is not generically distinct from *Sequoia*, although the question can hardly be settled until the male flowers are known. These specimens gave rise to an interesting discussion on the age of this tree, and on the size and age of large trees generally.

“Voted, That the meeting of the fourth Tuesday of May be omitted, on account of the proximity of the Annual Meeting.”

Four hundred and first meeting.

May 30, 1854. — ANNUAL MEETING.

The VICE-PRESIDENT in the chair, in the absence of the President.

Professor Lovering, from the Committee of Publication, and Dr. Shurtleff, from the Library Committee, made verbal reports of the operations of these committees. Dr. Shurtleff announced that a complete card-catalogue of the Library had been prepared.

The report of the Treasurer was read, and his statement of accounts was ordered to be entered on the records.

The chair reported, from the committee raised to consider the subject of lectures for the present year, that the committee deemed it inexpedient to arrange for a course of lectures for the ensuing winter; and the committee was discharged.

The chair announced that the Academy had sustained the loss of the following members by death during the last two years, viz.: —